

Renovated community clinic fulfils long and short-term goals



Immediately following the re-opening of a refurbished clinic outside Sadr City, Iraq, mothers and children wait in line to be seen by the clinic's doctor. The renovation of the clinic is part of an Army Civil Affairs project aimed at bettering the welfare of the Iraqi people. Photo by Pfc. Erik LeDrew

Story by Sgt. Dan Purcell and Pfc. Erik LeDrew

BAGHDAD, Iraq -- "This is just the first step in a long road we will share together, to improve the people's lives in Iraq," said Lt. Col. Gary J. Volesky, commander 2nd Squadron, 5th Cavalry Regiment, Task Force 1st Armored Division, during reopening ceremonies for a neighborhood clinic in Sadr City March 27.

With a medical staff consisting of a doctor, a pharmacist and three nurses, the clinic serves a neighborhood of 4,500 people, said Capt. Jeff L. Hembree, Alpha Company, 478th Civil Affairs Battalion commander.

Once known as Saddam City, Sadr City is named for the Imam Mohammed Sadr, an Iraqi religious leader killed by Saddam Hussein. According to estimates, there are about two million people living there in a six-square mile district, about as many as there are living in Houston, Texas.

The clinic is located one of Sadr City's more impoverished neighborhoods.

"Proper medical care for Iraqis is a high-priority," said Hembree. "We only had to come out here to Sadr City to realize that improving this clinic would have a positive impact on the community."

About \$10,000 was invested into the clinic, he said. The clinic was closed for about six weeks for

renovations, obtaining supplies and staff training.

Groundwork for the clinic's renovations was started by a German non-governmental organization, called Anamur.

"My Civil Affairs guys have been working with Anamur on this. You need to give them credit because they were the ones who came in and really started this foundation," said Volesky. "We've just expanded on it."

Volesky said the existing work on the clinic was expanded by hiring Iraqi contractors to work on the refurbishing project.

"Our Civil Affairs guys developed the project by looking at what the Germans had done and developed plans to expand it in order to work with local contractors to try and create employment for the people who are unemployed," said Volesky. "This engages the Iraqis and gets them involved in improving their own infrastructure."

Doing this fosters the goodwill of the people and helps build confidence, he said.

"This lets them say that they're getting back on their feet," Volesky said. "They can say, 'This was built by the Germans with help from the coalition, but it was really the Iraqis who put the final touches on it.'"

Humanitarian projects such as this will be carried on into the future, Volesky said.

"We will be focusing on the basic needs of the people: food, water, electricity and trash (removal)," said Volesky. "I will maximize every resource I have because those are the things that really have an impact on the people when they see it. They are most important."

According to Volesky his unit's priority is to maintain and build upon the secure environment that the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment provided for the community over the course of the last year.

"We will take it to the next level and start to show the Iraqi people that the coalition is working with the Iraqis to improve their conditions day to day," Volesky said.

The units are not just focused on the short term, he said. The goal for all of the projects is to successfully integrate Iraqis into the planning process, so that they can then take the projects and determine the long-term solutions on their own.

"The biggest goal for us is two-fold," Volesky said. "One: Show the people we really do care about them and that everything we said we are going to do, we will do. Two: Take the Iraqi institutions such as the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps, the police and the government, and develop those systems so that they can become self-sufficient."

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NEWS...

Gov't Warns of Summer Bomb Plots in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Trains and buses in major U.S. cities may be targeted this summer by terrorists using bombs hidden in bags or luggage, federal counterterrorism officials have told law enforcement and transportation officials in a nationwide bulletin. FBI and Homeland Security Department officials said they had received uncorroborated intelligence reports about a plot by terrorists to target commercial transportation systems. The bulletin, issued late Thursday, mentioned no specific cities or dates and did not elaborate on the source of the information.

26-Pound Bomb Found on Madrid Rail Line

MADRID, Spain (AP) - A Spanish railroad inspector found a 26-pound bomb hidden in a bag on a busy high-speed line Friday, and police said the device may contain the same dynamite used in last month's Madrid train bombings that killed 191 people. Authorities immediately stopped six bullet trains using the Madrid-Seville line after the bomb was discovered before noon under a track about 40 miles south of Madrid. About 1,600 passengers left their trains and were taken to their destinations by charter buses.

U.S. to Fingerprint More Foreigners

WASHINGTON (AP) - A program requiring foreigners to be fingerprinted and photographed before entering the country is being expanded to include millions of travelers from some of America's closest allies, U.S. officials said Friday. The move affects citizens in 27 countries - including Britain, Japan and Australia - who had been allowed to travel within the United States without a visa for up to 90 days, according to the Homeland Security Department.

Sharon Says Israel Will Leave Gaza Strip

JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Ariel Sharon revealed the scope of his withdrawal plan Friday, saying Israel will leave all of the Gaza Strip and dismantle four West Bank settlements. In Jerusalem's walled Old City, Israeli riot police stormed a disputed holy site, firing plastic bullets, stun grenades and canisters of tear gas to disperse hundreds of Palestinian youths who were throwing stones and shoes at them. Thousands of Muslims barricaded themselves in two mosques in the elevated compound for two hours before police agreed to let them leave.

Thought for the day...

Perseverance

The fugitive Robert the Bruce - hiding from the troops of Edward I in a cave, depressed and uncertain about the future - one day happened to notice a small spider spinning its web, trying and failing time after time to fasten it properly.

Robert, inspired by the spider's perseverance and eventual success, determined that, rather than be discouraged by failure; he must battle on until Scottish independence had been secured.

In politics...

Washington Delivers Partisan Pranks

By ELIZABETH WOLFE, Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry doesn't have a Republican-leaning French cousin. President Bush is not pushing legislation that would have other countries pay off the deficit. Pennsylvania Republican Sen. Arlen Specter is not retiring to study Scottish Common Law.

And Democrats and Republicans did not agree on anything Thursday.

Playing traditional April Fools' politics, the parties and presidential campaigns mocked their opponents with bogus announcements that didn't always get a laugh.

In one of the day's more believable pranks, the Democratic National Committee announced that Republicans had agreed to a series of televised presidential debates.

"This day, April 1, will indeed go down as a historic day in presidential politics," DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe and Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie said in a joint statement that proved to be false.

On a day when Kerry's campaign did issue a debate challenge to Bush, some media outlets were confused, calling both parties for more details and prompting the DNC to issue a clarification.

"At a glance, we will admit it looks quite formal," DNC spokesman Jano Cabrera said about their statement.

For its turn, the RNC announced that Kerry's French cousin had called to support Bush.

A cartoon spoof on the RNC Web site also poked fun at the Massachusetts senator's support of higher gas taxes and his claims of backing from anonymous foreign leaders.

"All of it has his French cousin so upset, he called to say he's voting for Bush," a voiceover said in the animated ad, which ended with an April Fools' greeting in French.

Kerry's campaign took a dig at Bush over rising deficits and U.S. jobs lost overseas, attributing a fake quote to the president explaining why other countries should be responsible for the U.S. deficit: "Why should every kid born in America be stuck with \$35,000 in debt - when we can just outsource it and stick it to every kid on the planet?"

Addressing Pennsylvania's heated Republican Senate primary between Specter and Rep. Pat Toomey, a news release from the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee headlined "Specter to Retire" irked a handful of duped reporters.

"One thing I learned from this is how few people read past the subject line or headline in a press release," said DSCC spokesman Brad Woodhouse. "There were some media outlets that didn't think it was all that funny."

Police Suggest Wis. Abduction Story a Hoax

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Police strongly suggested Friday that a college student's tale of being kidnapped at knifepoint was a hoax, saying she researched places to hide and bought rope and duct tape to make it look like an abduction. "We do not believe there is a suspect at large, period," Assistant Police Chief Noble Wray said.

Today in History...

April 3, 1996: UNABOMBER ARRESTED

(HISTORY.COM) At his small wilderness cabin near Lincoln, Montana, Theodore John Kaczynski is arrested by FBI agents and accused of being the Unabomber, the elusive terrorist blamed for 16 mail bombs that killed three people and injured 23 during an 18-year period.

Kaczynski, born in Chicago in 1942, won a scholarship to study mathematics at Harvard University at age 16. After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, he became a professor at the University of California at Berkeley. Although celebrated as a brilliant mathematician, he suffered from persistent social and emotional problems, and in 1969 abruptly ended his promising career at Berkeley. Disillusioned with the world around him, he tried to buy land in the Canadian wilderness but in 1971 settled for a 1.4-acre plot near his brother's home in Montana.

For the next 25 years, Kaczynski lived as a hermit, occasionally working odd jobs and traveling but mostly living off his land. He developed a philosophy of radical environmentalism and militant opposition to modern technology, and tried to get academic essays on the subjects published. It was the rejection of one of his papers by two Chicago-area universities in 1978 that may have prompted him to manufacture and deliver his first mail bomb.

The package was addressed to the University of Illinois from Northwestern University, but was returned to Northwestern, where a security guard was seriously wounded while opening the suspicious package. In 1979, Kaczynski struck again at Northwestern, injuring a student at the Technological Institute. Later that year, his third bomb exploded on an American Airlines flight, causing injuries from smoke inhalation. In 1980, a bomb mailed to the home of Percy Wood, the president of United Airlines, injured Wood when he tried to open it. As Kaczynski seemed to be targeting universities and airlines, federal investigators began calling their suspect the Unabomber, an acronym of sorts for *university, airline, and bomber*.

From 1981 to 1985, there were seven more bombs, four at universities, one at a professor's home, one at the Boeing Company in Auburn, Wash., and one at a computer store in Sacramento. Six people were injured, and in 1985 the owner of the computer store was killed--the Unabomber's first murder. In 1987, a woman saw a man wearing aviator glasses and a hooded sweatshirt placing what turned out to be a bomb outside a computer store in Salt Lake City. The sketch of the suspect that emerged became the first representation of the Unabomber, and Kaczynski, fearing capture, halted his terrorist campaign for six years.

In June 1993, a lethal mail bomb severely injured a University of California geneticist at his home, and two days later a computer science professor at Yale was badly injured by a similar bomb. Various federal departments established the UNABOM Task Force, which launched an intensive search for a Unabomber suspect. In 1994, a mail bomb killed an advertising executive at his home in New Jersey. Kaczynski had mistakenly thought that the man worked for a firm that repaired the Exxon Company's public relations after the 1989 *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. In April 1995, a bomb killed the president of a timber-industry lobbying group. It was the Unabomber's last attack.

Soon after, Kaczynski sent a manifesto to *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, saying he would stop the killing if it were published. In 1995, *The Washington Post* published the so-called "Unabomber's Manifesto," a 35,000-word thesis on what Kaczynski perceived to be the problems with America's industrial and technological society. Kaczynski's brother, David, read the essay and recognized his brother's ideas and language; he informed the FBI in February 1996 that he suspected that his brother was the Unabomber. On April 3, Ted Kaczynski was arrested at his cabin in Montana, and extensive evidence--including a live bomb and an original copy of the manifesto--was discovered at the site.

Indicted on more than a dozen federal charges, he appeared briefly in court in 1996 to plead not guilty to all charges. During the next year and a half, Kaczynski wrangled with his defense attorneys, who wanted to issue an insanity plea against his wishes. Kaczynski wanted to defend what he saw as legitimate political motives in carrying out the attacks, but at the start of the Unabomber trial in January 1998 the judge rejected his requests acquire a new defense team and represent himself. On January 22, Kaczynski pleaded guilty on all counts and was spared the death penalty. He showed no remorse for his crimes and in May was sentenced to four life sentences plus 30 years.



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SPC W/3 YEARS	\$4317.00	\$6650.00	\$8547.00	\$10,000.00
SGT W/6 YEARS	\$2663.00	\$7457.00	\$9588.00	\$10,000.00
SSG W/8 YEARS	\$3145.00	\$7925.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

*BONUS PAYMENTS VARY BASED UPON THE NUMBER OF YEARS REENLISTED FOR AND THE NUMBER OF MONTHS PRIOR TO ORIGINAL ETS SOLDIER REENLISTS. THESE FIGURES ARE BASED UPON A SOLDIER REENLISTING 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO ORIGINAL ETS DATE. SEE YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH MONEY YOU ARE ENTITLED TO.

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	AROUND THE HORN		BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER (TV14): - BARGAINING (PART 1&2)	BOB THE BUILDER	LESTER HOLT LIVE	00:00
00:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		JOJO'S CIRCUS (TVY): - SKEEBO'S MISSING HAT TRICK/SEAL FRIGHT		00:30
01:00	SPORTSCENTER	JUNGLE 2 JUNGLE		CHALKZONE (TVY): - PUMPKIN LOVE	HEADLINE NEWS	01:00
01:30				JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS (TVY): - OPERATION: RESCUE JET FUSION PT. 1	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	01:30
02:00			THE VIEW (TVPG):	NHL - NY ISLANDERS @ CAROLINA HURRICANES	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	02:00
02:30	NBA SHOOTAROUND				CBS EVENING NEWS	02:30
03:00		IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT	WHAT NOT TO WEAR (TVPG): - LILI		COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	03:00
03:30	NBA - CLEVELAND CAVALIERS @ MILWAUKEE BUCKS					03:30
04:00			TRADING SPACES (TVG): - OREGON: ALYSSUM AVENUE		HANNITY & COLMES	04:00
04:30				ESPNEWS		04:30
05:00		HEADLINE NEWS	TRADING SPACES (TVG): - OREGON: ALSEA COURT	WWE RAW! (TV14):	THE NEWSHOUR	05:00
05:30		ESPNEWS				05:30
06:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	EVERWOOD (TVPG): - THE LAST OF SUMMER	HEADLINE NEWS	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	06:00
06:30		HEADLINE NEWS		NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	06:30
07:00	NBA FASTBREAK	BOB THE BUILDER	THE DIVISION (TVPG): - REDEMPTION	YU-GI-OH! (TVY7): - YUGI VS. PEGASUS: MATCH OF THE MILLENNIUM (PT. 5)	LARRY KING LIVE	07:00
07:30	BASEBALL TONIGHT	JOJO'S CIRCUS (TVY): - SKEEBO'S MISSING HAT TRICK/SEAL FRIGHT		ROMEO (TVY): - MAN OF THE HIZZOUSE		07:30
08:00	TOTALLY NASCAR	CHALKZONE (TVY): - PUMPKIN LOVE	THE PIANO	IN THE MIX (04') (TVPG): - IRAQ UNPLUGGED	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	08:00
08:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS (TVY): - OPERATION: RESCUE JET FUSION PT. 1		GOOD EATS (TVG):		08:30
09:00	SPORTSCENTER	YU-GI-OH! (TVY7): - YUGI VS. PEGASUS: MATCH OF THE MILLENNIUM (PT. 5)		LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - GORDO'S BAR MITZVAH	PAULA ZAHN NOW	09:00
09:30		ROMEO (TVY): - MAN OF THE HIZZOUSE		THAT'S SO RAVEN (TVY7): - PSYCHICS WANTED [AKA: I'M RAVEN CALL ME NOW]		09:30
10:00	TENNIS - NASDAQ 100 OPEN - MEN'S SEMIFINALS	LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - GORDO'S BAR MITZVAH	THE VIEW (TVPG):	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (TVPG):	NIGHTLINE	10:00
10:30		THAT'S SO RAVEN (TVY7): - PSYCHICS WANTED [AKA: I'M RAVEN CALL ME NOW]			AIR FORCE TV NEWS	10:30
11:00		IN THE MIX (04') (TVPG): - IRAQ UNPLUGGED	WHAT NOT TO WEAR (TVPG): - LILI	HEADLINE NEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	11:00
11:30		GOOD EATS (TVG):		ESPNEWS		11:30
12:00	SPORTSCENTER	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (TVPG):	TRADING SPACES (TVG): - OREGON: ALYSSUM AVENUE	MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - JAY GOES TO SCHOOL	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	12:00
12:30				ACCORDING TO JIM (TVPG): - ABOUT A GIRL		12:30
13:00	BASEBALL TONIGHT	WWE RAW! (TV14):	TRADING SPACES (TVG): - OREGON: ALSEA COURT	THE WEST WING (TVPG): - HAN	DATELINE NBC	13:00
13:30	NBA FASTBREAK					13:30
14:00	FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS - IBA WORLD JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT TITLE BOUT: ALEX TRUJILLO VS EMMANUEL AUGUSTAS	MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - JAY GOES TO SCHOOL	EVERWOOD (TVPG): - THE LAST OF SUMMER	LAW & ORDER (TV14): - IDENTITY		14:00
14:30		ACCORDING TO JIM (TVPG): - ABOUT A GIRL				14:30
15:00		THE WEST WING (TVPG): - HAN	THE DIVISION (TVPG): - REDEMPTION	HEADLINE NEWS	CNN LIVE	15:00
15:30				SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') (TV14): - MEGAN MULLALLY/CLAY AIKEN		15:30
16:00	SPORTSCENTER	LAW & ORDER (TV14): - IDENTITY	THE PIANO		SATURDAY TODAY	16:00
17:00	NHL COOL SHOTS	ESPNEWS		LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD (TVPG):		17:00
17:30	BASEBALL TONIGHT	ESPNEWS				17:30
18:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	THE VIEW (TVPG):	THE ENTERTAINERS (TVPG):	WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORT	18:00
18:30		NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS			AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	18:30
19:00	TENNIS - NASDAQ 100 OPEN - WOMEN'S FINALS	SPORTSCENTER	WHAT NOT TO WEAR (TVPG): - LILI	HEADLINE NEWS	DATELINE NBC	19:00
19:30				HOOR OF POWER - GIFTS		19:30
20:00		BASEBALL TONIGHT	TRADING SPACES (TVG): - OREGON: ALYSSUM AVENUE	CELEBRATION OF VICTORY - BLESSED BE THE KING		20:00
20:30		NBA FASTBREAK		CORAL RIDGE HOUR - WHEN THERE IS NO VISION		20:30
21:00	NASCAR BUSCH SERIES - O'REILLY 300	SPORTS SPECIAL - COLLEGE BASKETBALL'S TEN GREATEST TEAMS	TRADING SPACES (TVG): - OREGON: ALSEA COURT	CHRISTOPHER CLOSEUP - ART FOR GOD	HEADLINE NEWS	21:00
21:30				CAFE VIDEO - LIFE ON THE EDGE	AIR FORCE TV NEWS	21:30
22:00		SPORTS SPECIAL - ULTIMATE ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR	EVERWOOD (TVPG): - THE LAST OF SUMMER	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	22:00
22:30				AIR FORCE TV NEWS		22:30
23:00		MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - THE FINAL FOUR SHOW	THE DIVISION (TVPG): - REDEMPTION	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - THE FINAL FOUR SHOW	FOX NEWS LIVE	23:00